

# THAMES PATH

NATIONAL TRAIL 

## Electric boats along the River Thames

The banks of the Thames have always been the perfect locations for boat builders, repairers and restorers and also for visitors who fancy a day on the river – a place to hire self drive boats, kayaks, canoes, rowing boats and Stand Up Paddle boards. **Electric boats** are popular for day hire on the River Thames, combining no pollution from diesel or petrol engine emissions with silence as the boats move through the water.

[Oxford Punts](#) Hire electric punts and paddle gondolas from the garden of [The Rose Revived Inn at Newbridge](#).

[AV Boats](#) at Abingdon and Benson, hires electric cruisers, kayaks, canoes, rowing boats and Stand Up Paddle boards.

[Pure Boating](#) based at The Boathouse pub in Wallingford and Beetle and Wedge Inn, Moulsoford offers self-drive rental day boats suitable for families to use for a day or afternoon's cruising.

[Hobbs of Henley](#) will have five electric launches for hire by the hour or the day this summer.



[The Thames Electric Launch Company](#) is based at Goring

[Thames Solar Electric Co](#), based at Surbiton is the UK's only supplier of solar electric canal boats. Cruise the waterways using 100% renewable solar electric power.

### London

[Uber Boat](#) by [Thames Clippers](#) is the main River Bus company on the tidal Thames in London, calling at 23 piers.

**Thames Clippers** is researching hybrid electric ferries. The company is a key part of a 2020 EU-funded Horizons research and development project to develop a 150-passenger high-speed fully electric ferry. In 2019 Thames Clippers Hurricane boat was fitted with a greener Selective Catalytic Reduction (SCR) engine. The NOx and SOx emissions have been reduced by up to 70%.

**Comet Clipper** is a joint partnership with DHL and ferries parcels across the River Thames between Wandsworth Riverside Quarter Pier and Bankside Pier. Parcels are delivered by bicycle, helping to keep larger transit vehicles off central London streets.

[Transport for London](#) has appointed **Thames Clippers** to run a temporary ferry service at Hammersmith Bridge while the bridge is closed.

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